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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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**H-6041 Has been postponed at sponsor's request**  
**Please Note: S-240 Has been added**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 25, 2021  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5479](#)**

**BY Azzinaro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT {LC967/1} (Mandates that builders of new one or two (2) family residential dwellings provide the buyer with written information regarding the installation of automatic fire sprinkler system.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/02/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5587](#)**

**BY Filippi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICE {LC1629/1} (Allows New Shoreham to regulate transportation network company services.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5588](#)**

**BY Filippi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING ELIGIBILITY {LC1631/1} (Increases the percentage of area median income from one hundred twenty percent (120%) to one hundred forty percent (140%) only for New Shoreham residents to make more households eligible for affordable housing.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5633](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Kislak, Carson, Speakman, Ajello, Kazarian, Donovan, Fogarty ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES {LC1495/1}

(Allows cities and towns to create ordinances to regulate use and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.)

02/19/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/08/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6041](#)**

**BY ~~Casey~~**

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC1556/1} (Mandates that any notice to the public required of a municipality be posted in a newspaper that is published on a daily basis and is distributed in that municipality.)~~

~~02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing~~

~~03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/13/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor~~

~~03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [6093](#)**

**BY Henries, Morales, Alzate**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC1739/1} (Prohibits single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over twenty-thousand (20,000) and mandate that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing in single-family residential zones.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [6125](#)**

**BY Barros, Shanley, Ruggiero, Batista, Alzate, Giraldo, Kislak, Cassar, Potter, Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EACH RHODE ISLAND CITY AND TOWN CREATE AN INDEPENDENT FIVE PERSON COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT ANY AND ALL FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE FORTHCOMING COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE ARE ADMINISTERED WISELY, FAIRLY, HONESTLY AND WITH TRANSPARENCY {LC2354/1}

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6126](#)**

**BY Bennett, Marszalkowski, McGaw, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Carson, Phillips, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC2401/1} (Entitles dairy farms to the exemptions from taxation granted to farmland, forestland, or open space.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6127](#)**

**BY Donovan, Speakman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL {LC2397/1} (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Bristol on November 3, 2020.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6128](#)**

**BY Amore**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC2293/1} (Authorizes the East Providence City Council to issue a Class B liquor license for a retail establishment, located at 332 Bullock Point Avenue.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6139](#)**

**BY Place, Newberry**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAKLAND - MAPLEVILLE NUMBER 4 FIRE DISTRICT {LC2450/1}

03/17/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [240](#)**

**BY Coyne**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC1075/1} (Ratifies and validates Barrington Home Rule Charter amendments approved by electors at 11/3/20 election.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2021 Committee recommends passage

03/11/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/16/2021 Senate read and passed

03/18/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

**HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**

**Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.**

**This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,**

**<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HMUN.aspx> .**

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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